

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending and rejected in this application. Claims 1, 14 and 19 are amended hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, Applicants have amended claims 1, 14 and 19, keeping in mind the comments offered by the Examiner. Specifically, claims 1, 14 and 19 have been amended to include at least two band openings. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-19 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1-19 are definite and do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Therefore, the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

Respectfully submitted,


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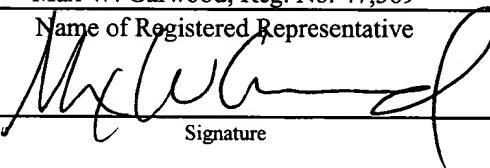
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